

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1 – 19. (CANCELED)

20. (ORIGINAL) A golf ball comprising:

a core;

an inner cover layer which has a Shore D hardness of at least 60 as measured on the curved surface thereof and is formed from a composition which includes at least one material selected from the group consisting of polyphenylene ether/ionomer blends, ionomers, polyamides, polyurethanes, polyester elastomers, polyester amides, metallocene catalyzed polyolefins, and blends thereof, and

an outer cover layer formed over the inner cover layer, the outer cover layer having a Shore D hardness of no more than 55 as measured on the curved surface thereof, the golf ball having a spin factor of at least 5.

21. (ORIGINAL) The golf ball according to claim 20, wherein the ball has a spin factor of at least 8.

22. (ORIGINAL) A golf ball according to claim 20, wherein the outer cover layer has a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 0.10 inches.

23. (ORIGINAL) A golf ball according to claim 20, wherein the inner cover layer has a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 0.10 inches.

24. (ORIGINAL) A golf ball according to claim 20, wherein the inner cover layer is formed from a composition which includes at least one material selected from the group consisting of a high acid ionomer, a low acid ionomer, a blend of high acid and low acid ionomers, a non-ionic thermoplastic, and combinations thereof.

25. (ORIGINAL) A golf ball according to claim 20, wherein the outer cover layer has a flex modulus of from about 1,000 to about 10,000 psi.

26. (ORIGINAL) A golf ball according to claim 20, wherein the inner cover layer has a flex modulus of at least 30,000 psi.

27. (ORIGINAL) A golf ball according to claim 20, wherein the golf ball has a PGA compression of 100 or less and a coefficient of restitution of at least 0.750.

Please add new claims 28 to 36 as follows:

28. (NEW) A golf ball according to claim 20, wherein the outer cover layer comprises a blend of a hard ionomer and a soft ionomer.

29. (NEW) A golf ball according to claim 28, wherein the hard and soft ionomers comprise low acid ionomers.

30. (NEW) A golf ball according to claim 20, wherein the inner cover layer and outer cover layer each comprise polyurethane.

31. (NEW) A golf ball comprising:

a solid core;

an inner cover layer which has a Shore D hardness of at least 60 as measured on the curved surface thereof and is formed from a composition which includes at least one material selected from the group consisting of polyphenylene ether/ionomer blends, ionomers, polyamides, polyurethanes, polyester elastomers, polyester amides, metallocene catalyzed polyolefins, and blends thereof, wherein the inner cover layer has a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 0.10 inches, and

an outer cover layer formed over the inner cover layer, the outer cover layer having a Shore D hardness of no more than 55 as measured on the curved surface thereof, wherein the outer cover layer has a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 0.10 inches.

32. (NEW) A golf ball according to claim 31, wherein the solid core comprises a central core and a core layer.

33. (NEW) A golf ball according to claim 31, wherein the inner cover layer is formed from a composition which includes at least one material selected from the group consisting of a high acid ionomer, a low acid ionomer, a blend of high acid and low acid ionomers, a non-ionic thermoplastic, and combinations thereof.

34. (NEW) A golf ball according to claim 31, wherein the outer cover layer comprises a blend of a hard ionomer and a soft ionomer.

35. (NEW) A golf ball according to claim 34, wherein the hard and soft ionomers comprise low acid ionomers.

36. (NEW) A golf ball according to claim 31, wherein the inner cover layer and outer cover layer each comprise polyurethane.

REMARKS

Please consider the changes made to this application by this Preliminary Amendment.

The specification has been amended to update and correct the priority claim. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1 to 19 have been canceled. Claims 20 to 27 are directed to non-elected inventions in the parent application. New claims 28 to 36 have been added. Support for new claims 28 to 36 may be found in the specification and the original claims. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

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